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SUBJECT: Request for OMB Expedited Clearance of 1830-0542 Native American
Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

The Department of Education (Department), Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) plans to publish a Notice Inviting Applications for the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) in the Federal Register on or about March 14, 2007. The Department requests expedited OMB clearance for the IC 1830-0542 application package with an OMB approval date of March 8, 2007. An expedited clearance package from OMB will allow the Department to meet critical and time sensitive requirements of the program.

The NACTEP is subject to an appeals provision that allows unfunded applicants to make a written request to the Secretary of Education for a hearing to review the Secretary's funding decision. The appeals process allows for a total of 115 business days for the Department to implement and facilitate the appeals process; this time includes the 75 calendar days for the Administrative Law Judge to make a final decision in the case.

OMB's assistance in expediting clearance for the IC 1830-0542 application package will ensure the Department's timely funding of the NACTEP grant awards. The Department will work closely with OMB to resolve any changes, comments or suggestions in a timely manner.